

Village of Sackets Harbor Board of Trustees  
February 9, 2016 6:30 pm  
Minutes of the Regular Meeting  
112 N. Broad St.  
Sackets Harbor, NY 13685

Present: Mayor Vincent Battista, Deputy Mayor Barbara Boulton, Trustee John LaDuc, Trustee Molly Reilly, Trustee Daniel Frechette.

Mayor Battista called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance at 6:30 pm.

**REVIEW OF JANUARY 12, 2016 MINUTES**

The minutes of the January 12, 2016 meeting were approved in a motion made by Deputy Mayor Boulton, seconded by Trustee Reilly. Vote 5 Ayes (Boulton, LaDuc, Reilly, Frechette and Battista), 0 Nays.

**MAYORS REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE**

Mayor Battista reported that the annual shared service agreement with NYS DOT for assistance in cases of emergency was received, signed and returned.

A letter was received from Liberty Mutual Insurance Company on behalf of Lawler Realty requesting their \$350,000.00 Bond be released that they had supplied for the Madison Barracks Infrastructure project. Mayor Battista responded to them that the project was not complete or signed off and “as built” drawings have not been sent to our Village Engineer. Until this happens, the Bond should remain in full force and effect.

A letter was received from the NYS Supreme Court with their decision regarding the action filed against the Village under Article 78 by some neighbors of Liberty Sackets Harbor, LLC. The Court found no violation of the Open Meetings Law. Mayor Battista extended a “well done” to both the Planning Board and the Zoning Board of Appeals.

A letter was received from the Teamsters Local Union No. 687 stating that they had been selected by the DPW employees to represent them in collective bargaining negotiations. Mayor Battista requested permission from the Board for him and Deputy Mayor Boulton to select a third party to negotiate on behalf of the Village. It was decided that more discussion will have to be done in executive session at a future time.

A letter was received from the Town of Hounsfield commending the Village DPW for their cooperative work on the Township’s recent water main breaks.

A letter was sent to Schwerzmann & Wise requesting transfer of all of the Village’s active legal files to Dennis Whelpley at Conboy, McKay, Bachman & Kendall.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Mayor Battista made a motion to rescind the resolution passed at the January 12 Board Meeting approving the reimbursement of fees for an electrical course taken by DPW employee Lynn Martin. The motion was not seconded. The Mayor stated it will need to be reviewed by legal counsel.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

The meeting was opened to public comment at 6:43.

Vincent Rose, 206 E. Main St. expressed his concern regarding the Dollar General Store that is being proposed for construction on the corner of Rt. 3. He did not object to commercial establishments there but doesn't like the company image this portrays with a large cheap building, big sign, large parking lot and bright lights. He believes this reduces the value of the Village and properties by not fitting with the historical image of the Village and if a commercial establishment is constructed there, the agreements between the business and the zoning boards must be in writing and enforced.

Tim Scee, Town Supervisor, responded to this saying it is just in an investigative stage and no zoning application has been received from Dollar General.

Public Comments were closed at 6:45 pm.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

A letter from the American Legion Riders of Post 1757 was received stating they would like to adopt the Military Cemetery as their organizational cause. A motion was made by Trustee Frechette, seconded by Trustee LaDuc to allow this. Vote 5 Ayes (Boulton, LaDuc, Reilly, Frechette and Battista), 0 Nays.

The Event Application for the annual 1812 Run was received. There are details to be worked out, including the possible route alteration due to the expected summer sewer reconstruction in that area. A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Boulton, seconded by Trustee Reilly to approve the application. Vote 5 Ayes (Boulton, LaDuc, Reilly, Frechette and Battista), 0 Nays.

Mayor Battista proposed naming March 13, 2016 Charlie Bridges Day in Sackets Harbor. It is the day that Mr. Bridges, a long time Sackets Harbor boy's varsity basketball coach, will be inducted into the Basketball Coaches of NY Hall of Fame. A motion for this was made by Trustee Frechette, seconded by Trustee Reilly. Vote 5 Ayes (Boulton, LaDuc, Reilly, Frechette and Battista), 0 Nays.

Mayor Battista proposed naming April 8, 2016 John Deans Day in Sackets Harbor. Jefferson Community College is honoring our former Mayor, Dr. John Deans, by naming the College's Collaborative Learning Center after him for his many contributions to the College and community. This motion was made by Trustee Reilly, seconded by Trustee LaDuc. . Vote 5 Ayes (Boulton, LaDuc, Reilly, Frechette and Battista), 0 Nays.

Budget planning sessions were set for February 24 and February 29 at 6:00 pm to be held at the Municipal Building.

Wages were approved for the Deputy Village Clerk of \$ 12.50 per hour and the salary of \$30,000 per year for the Village Clerk in a motion made by Mayor Battista, seconded by Trustee Frechette. Vote 5 Ayes (Boulton, LaDuc, Reilly, Frechette and Battista), 0 Nays.

## **TRUSTEE REPORTS**

**Deputy Mayor Boulton** requested payment of the Marketing Committee bill for the advertisement in the

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1000 Islands 2016 Travel Guide. This was approved in a motion made by Mayor Battista, seconded by Trustee Frechette. Vote 5 Ayes (Boulton, LaDuc, Reilly, Frechette and Battista), 0 Nays. The Seaway Trail, Historical Society, Chamber of Commerce and the Town of Hounsfield will pay a share. She also reported that the Hay Memorial Library is continuing their movie matinee program.

**Trustee Frechette** reported that the LDC is still on track for the release of the property.

**Trustee Laduc** reported that skating has been spotty due to the irregular weather. He wanted to extend a thank you to the Chamber of Commerce for the joint skating party.

**Trustee Reilly** reported that the Can-Am Festival is scheduled for a single day this year on Saturday July 16<sup>th</sup>. A letter will be forthcoming from Cheryl Payne with specific needs and requests to the Village. Participant applications can be found at [www.canamfestival.com](http://www.canamfestival.com)

The annual meeting for the Chamber of Commerce will be Thursday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Anchor Restaurant. The new board and officers will be elected then. The 2016 calendar is being organized.

Trustee Reilly thanked David Alteri for the tour of the Pickering-Beach Museum and the Union Hotel.

She also thanked Kris Dimmick for the information on the Main St. Project budget. She made a motion that the board adopts the "Form E Rural Development / EFC Project Budget/Cost Certification" as the Main St. Project Budget and that Treasurer Yuhas create a working budget for the project to reflect those line items budget and the actual expenditures associated with the project. This was seconded by Mayor Battista and passed with a vote of 5 Ayes (Boulton, LaDuc, Reilly, Frechette and Battista), 0 Nays.

Trustee Reilly requested that a strategic plan be included in the upcoming budget discussions that will foster support from the state and national governments and encourage business development.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Treasurer Jim Yuhas reported that sales tax is down 10%. He went over the receipts and account balances as well as the Rec. fund. A motion to accept the report was made by Trustee Frechette and seconded by Deputy Mayor Boulton. Vote 5 Ayes (Boulton, LaDuc, Reilly, Frechette and Battista), 0 Nays.

A motion to pay the bills and accept Abstract #9 with vouchers #686 through 771 was made by Trustee Frechette and seconded by Trustee Reilly.

Mayor Battista reported that he has been negotiating with Lamar advertising for a bill board on Route 81 to run from May to October. He proposed a separate line in the budget, paying for the initial \$1,200.00 production cost out of the contingency budget, the balance of \$6,500.00 out of next years' budget with a portion being paid by the Chamber of Commerce. Mayor Battista would like to integrate the advertising done by the Marketing Committee, who is advertising the historic aspect of the Village, and the Chamber of Commerce, who is promoting their members, to include the whole Village. Trustee LaDuc requested a written commitment from the Chamber of Commerce about their financial contribution and Trustee Reilly requested that the Marketing Committee and Chamber of Commerce review the design to ensure consistency of branding and theme. Trustee Frechette noted that expenditure of anything over \$500.00 has to go through the bid process. The board decided to table the discussion until more information is obtained from the Chamber of Commerce and Marketing Committee.

## **DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS**

### **DPW Superintendent, Lonny Reinhardt**

There was a freezing problem at the water plant involving slush and high winds. After backwashing several times and the wind calming, the problem went away. The DPW assisted the town with two water main breaks along Route 3. He will be leaving on vacation 2-13-16; John Madlin will fill in for him.

He will be sending in his information for the upcoming budget and the future projects to be addressed. The budget items for 2016-2017 should include the interior inspection of the water tower on Co. Rt. 75. Future consideration should include the Water plant intake replacement (approximately \$2,000,000.00), the East Main St. water main replacement (approximately \$2,000,000.00), repainting the water tower on Rt. 75 (approximately \$500,000.00) and the East Washington St. water/sewer/storm replacement (approximately \$1,000,000.00).

**Gail Gorgen, Visitor Center Manager** - Gail had nothing new to add.

**Dave Altieri, Heritage Area Director** - They are working on staffing for the upcoming season, and are always looking for volunteers.

**Janet Quinn, Planning Board** - Had nothing to add to the report.

**Kris Dimmick, Village Engineer** - Reported that the fluoridation replacement grant will be finalized and submitted this month.

He reviewed the project scope of the W. Main St. project. It will be ready to advertise later this month with a projected bid opening about March 10, 2016. Trustee Reilly asked that the bid specs be available for review before the bid advertising.

**Chief Richard Coseo, Village Police** - Nothing new to report.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

The Public comment session opened at 8:12 pm.

Dave Altieri, 205 W. Washington St., reported that the next winter concert will be held at the Union Hotel on February 20.

Trustee LaDuc made a motion at 8:13 to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Trustee Frechette. The motion passed with a vote of 5 Ayes (Boulton, LaDuc, Reilly, Frechette and Battista), 0 Nays.

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy Kelly  
Village Clerk